

## **Bloomington Arts Commission Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2018**

Present: Alain Barker, Nick Blandford, Gabe Colman, Andy Findley, Sally Gaskill, Rachel Glago, Emily Goodson, Abby Henkel, Angelo Pizzo, Lynn Schwartzberg

Absent: Mike Wilkerson

Staff: Sean Starowitz

Public:

### **Call to Order**

Sally Gaskill called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Alain Barker moved to approve; Gabe Colman seconded. May minutes passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report – Sean Starowitz**

No change; the Arts Contest has not invoiced BAC yet. Sean will ask Julie Warren for that. The funding for today's reception food will come from our 402 account (postcard).

### **Bloomington Bicentennial Community Song**

- Committee met in May
- Alain is working with Jeff Cannon (songwriter) to record it at JSoM
- Jeff is working with musicians for choral and orchestral versions
- Will march with a group in the Fourth of July parade with a church choir
- Working with Steve Krahnke to make a documentary on making of the song
- Working with MCCSC to put on performances with high schools, contacted all 35 music teachers in town
- Alain is concerned that once Jeff finishes his work on this, enthusiasm will die down
  - Suggested hiring an intern for this project
  - Encourage more events/projects so people see it not just as a song but as a fluid piece of art
- Sean: It's complicated to pay artists in increments, it's abstract, hard to show deliverables
  - Working with a CDFI to get zero-interest loans for artists so they can get paid on time
- Payment for this project comes from the City's Bicentennial fund

### **Community Arts Awards**

- Sally and Alain met with Paul Daily
- Awards presentation date: Thursday, November 15, 2018
- 4 Awards

- Categories: Arts and Business, Arts in Education, Lifetime Achievement, Patti Pizzo Arts Advocacy Award
- Goal: get the community more engaged in the event.
  - Will not charge an admission fee (which pays for food, instructors, and performers at the event)
- Alain will help with marketing
- Publicize nominations opportunity more than in past years
- Nominations: July 9 – August 10
- 5 jurors (3 in past years)
  - BAC members are welcome to join
- Emily Goodson requested a list of the past three years of winners
- Need an emcee idea
- Abby Henkel moved to make a contribution of \$500; Alain seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Staff Report – Sean Starowitz**

- Bike Share launched today!
  - Dockless system – lock it to any bike rack
  - \$1 per half hour
- Ben Pines’ Utilities exhibit will go up in Utilities lobby on July 31st (Likely it will be August 12th!)
- Pledges of Allegiance flag project is on display: Rose Hill, Seminary Park, City Hall
- Fun Fridays at City Hall: food truck, pop-up fun kit, and picnic tables every Friday through August 4
- Traffic box program: new summer intern is working on this
- Broadview neighborhood got a Community Development Block Grant to do a beautification/gateway piece for multi-use trail
- BEAD graphic design RFP closed: 30 submissions, award contract mid-summer
- Trades District and Switchyard Park are breaking ground
- BUEA grants now open: spread the word, deadline is August 15
- Graduate Hotel: interested in a large building mural, First Friday/Gallery Walk, rotating local artwork in
  - BEAD will give artist suggestions

#### **Chair’s Report – Sally Gaskill**

- Next Percent for Arts committee meeting: July 13
- Sally attended Americans for the Arts pre-conference last week in Denver
  - Municipal public art administrators
  - Good discussion on taking down controversial public monuments
  - Neighborhood-based, civic engagement art; moving beyond murals
- Berea, KY: new national program called Artists Thrive

- Second national summit end of July, \$100
- Artists Thrive: training program to help artists become financially solvent
- International Thespians Festival moving to Bloomington in 2020

#### **Commissioner Announcements**

- Rachel: Fun Home is AMAZING
- Rachel: Next Friday at 6:45pm MidWay Music Festival is having an exclusive festival line-up party at The Lodge
- Andy: Summer Language Workshop is going on now and looks AMAZING
- Alain: Music Business Peace summit went well, so did Early Music Festival

#### **Adjournment**

Sally adjourned the meeting.